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1. At 10 a.m. on 17 January 1951, a westbound train of 50 flatcars carrying pontoons passed through Frankfurt/Oder. Each pontoon was completely enclosed, was watertight, and had a threaded cap (Schraubverschluss) at its opening. [redacted] the train was bound for Eberswalde.
2. On 19 January, a train of 40 flatcars with 80 pontoons was side-tracked at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The train had no locomotive and was guarded by Soviet sentries. (1)
3. [redacted] one Kiselyev (fnu), commanding officer [redacted] in Saarow-Pieskow, requisitioned 20 flatcars and 4 boxcars for hauling reels of telephone wire. It was rumored that a long-distance telephone line of the Red Army was to be constructed from Saarow-Pieskow to the east. (2)
4. On 24 January, 21 tank cars with special gasoline were en route from Bochlen to Rodenhagen via Angermunde. [redacted] (3)
5. [redacted] flatcars have been pooled in Frankfurt/Oder since 31 January and dispatched empty toward Brest Litovsk at a rate of one train per day. (4)
6. Between 1 and 4 February, the following military shipments [redacted] observed at, the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard:

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Shipment

From-To and Date

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Consignee

One empty boxcar,
two empty gondola
cars, and 19 empty
flatcarsFrankfurt/Oder to
Fuerstenwalde
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| <u>Shipment</u> | <u>From-To and Date</u> | <u>Dispatcher</u> | <u>Consignee</u> |
|---|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Fourteen boxcars with ammunition | Brest Litovsk to Finow 1 February | - | - |
| Three boxcars with ammunition; [redacted] | Brest Litovsk to Bad Saarow 1 February | - | - |
| Twenty-four tank cars with military fuel; [redacted] | Brest Litovsk to Velten 1 February | - | - |
| Three empty boxcars, three empty gondola cars, and 8 empty flatcars | Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenwalde 2 February | - | - |
| Four boxcars with military goods | Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenberg 2 February | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| One tank; [redacted] | Frankfurt/Oder to Eberswalde 2 February | | |
| One boxcar with glycerine | Brest Litovsk to Velten 2 February | | |
| Three boxcars with military goods | Brest Litovsk to Bernau 2 February | | |
| Seven boxcars with military goods; [redacted] | Brest Litovsk to Velten 2 February | | |
| One boxcar with military goods | Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenwalde 3 February | | |
| One boxcar with military goods | Frankfurt/Oder to Bad Saarow 3 February | | |
| One tank | Eberswalde to Fuerstenwalde 3 February | | |
| Two boxcars with paper | Grusznainichen to Fuerstenwalde 3 February | | |
| Six boxcars with military goods | Brest Litovsk to Frankfurt/Oder 3 February | | |
| Twelve empty locomotive brigade cabooses | Frankfurt/Oder to Hoyerswerda 3 February | | |

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| <u>Shipment</u> | <u>From-To and Date</u> | <u>Dispatcher</u> | <u>Consignee</u> |
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| Empty shuttle train of 18 boxcars | Frankfurt/Oder to Kuestrin 3 February | | |
| Eleven boxcars with military goods | Frankfurt/Oder to Satz Korn 4 February | | |
| Twenty-one boxcars with flour | Frankfurt/Oder to Jueterbog-Altes Lager 4 February | | |
| Two boxcars and three flatcars with field kitchens | Frankfurt/Oder to Magdeburg-Rothensee 4 February | | |
| One truck | Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Koeponick 4 February | - | Diplomatic Mission of the U.S.S.R. |
| One tank car with military fuel; | Brest Litovsk to Veltan 4 February | - | |

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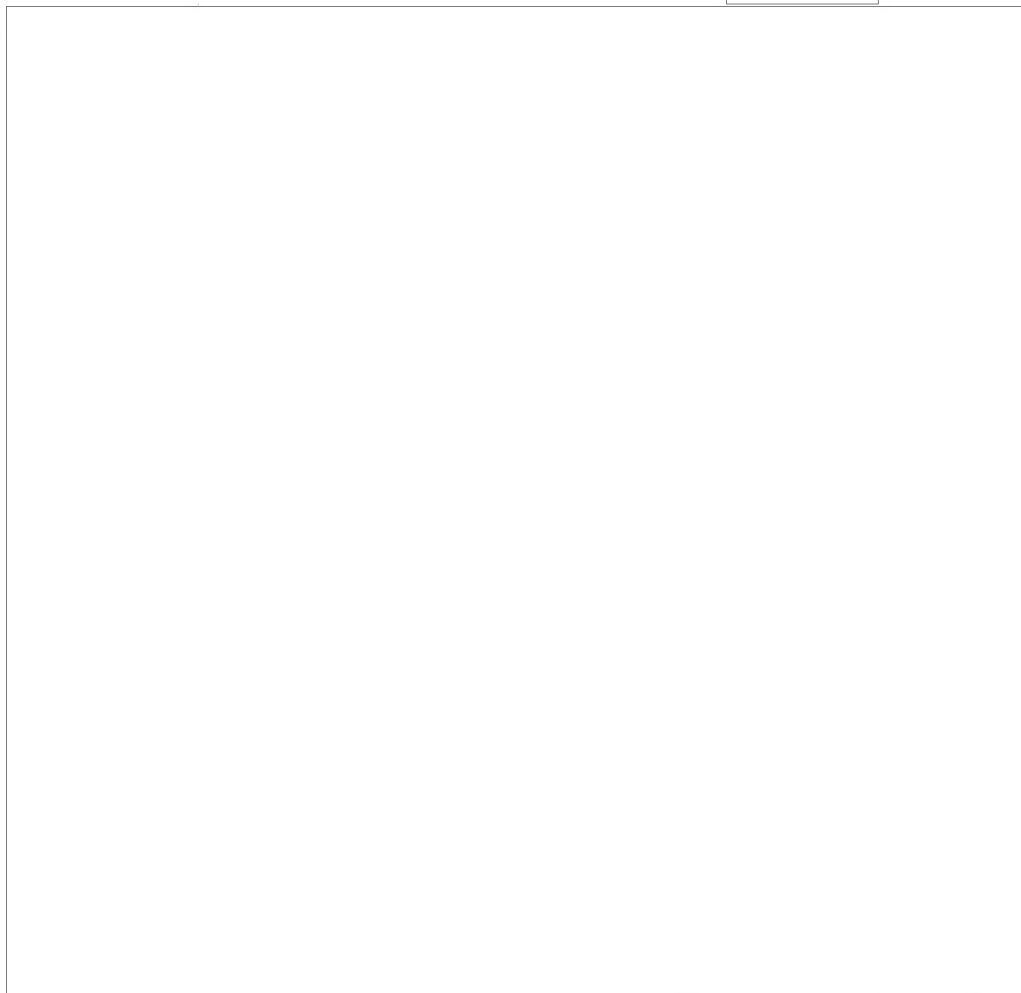
- (1) Since the main engineer depot of the GOFG is located in the former German engineer ordnance depot between Ketschendorf and Berkenbrueck, it is possible that the pontoons observed were either consigned to, or shipped out from, this depot.
- (2) The main signal depot of the GOFG, [] is located in Saarow-Pieskow. The construction of a long-distance telephone line was reported for the first time. [] the Berlin-Moscow trunk lines cross the Oder River at Kuestrin or Kienitz-Gross-Neuendorf.

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that the troops went to Lieberose, probably to hold short winter firing practice.

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- (7) The unit belongs to the unidentified AAA Div, probably the 32d, of the GOFG. All series reported belong to this division. Confirmation is required whether the unit actually went to Lieberose.
- (8) Possibly a single shipment of replacements arriving behind schedule or specialists, since they were repeatedly observed in Kuestrin and Frankfurt/Oder during the past two or three months. There is no reason to assume that this shipment should have been indicative of an incipient influx of recruits from the U.S.S.R. Such a movement would have required a prior assembly of empty shuttle trains, which has not been observed to date. The influx of recruits in the spring of 1950 did not begin before March.

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